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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

REMYTEL MARCH THIRTEEN LAST.

THE NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM, THIS DATE, CARRIES BANNER HEADLINES "HEARD JFK DEATH PLOT BY SHAW, OSWALD, FERRIE, WITNESS SAYS", "INSURANCEMAN RUSSO IDENTIFIES 'BERTRAND'". NEWSPAPER STATES PERRY R. RUSSO, AFORMER LAW STUDENT NOW AN INSURANCE SALESMAN, TESTIFIED TODAY THAT HE OVERHEARD LEE HARVEY OSWALD, DAVID FERRIE AND CLAY L. SHAW PLOT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. RUSSO TOLD A SPECIAL CRIMINAL COURT HEARING THAT IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE HE OVERHEARD A CONVERSATION AMONG FERRIE AND TWO MEN INTRODUCED TO HIM AS LEON OSWALD AND CLEM BERTRAND. HE IDENTIFIED LEON OSWALD FROM PHOTOS AS LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. AND, IN A DRAMATIC MOMENT, HE PLACED HIS HAND OVER THE HEAD OF DEFENDANT CLAY SHAW, IDENTIFYING HIM AS THE MAN HE KNEW AS CLEM BERTRAND.

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WDSU RADIO, NEW ORLEANS, REPORTED THAT PERRY R. RUSSO, TWENTY FIVE YEAR OLD INSURANCE AGENT FROM BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, TESTIFIED SHORTLY BEFORE THE NOON BREAK IN THE PRELIMINARY HEARING OF CLAY L. SHAW WHICH BEGAN TEN THIRTY A.M. THIS DATE. THE HEARING BROKE FOR LUNCH AT TWELVE FORTY FIVE P.M.

THE WDSU NEWSCAST, WHICH WAS BEING CARRIED LIVE FROM OUTSIDE THE CRIMINAL COURT IN NEW ORLEANS, REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

PERRY RUSSO, TWENTYFIVE YEAR OLD INSURANCE AGENT FROM BATON ROUGE TESTIFIED SHORTLY BEFORE NOON BREAK. RUSSO HELD HIS HAND OVER CLAY SHAW'S HEAD AND SAID THIS IS CLAY BERTRAND. HE IDENTIFIED SHAW AS ONE OF THREE MEN WHO DISCUSSED WAYS TO ESCAPE AFTER HE SAID THEY PLOTTED ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY. RUSSO SAID A MAN HE KNEW AS LEON OSWALD, WHOM HE LATER IDENTIFIED AS LEE HARVEY OSWALD FROM PICTURES, THAT OSWALD, DAVE FERRIE AND BERTRAND, WHO HE CALLED CLEM BERTRAND, MET IN DAVE FERRIE'S APARTMENT. HE IDENTIFIED FERRIE'S APARTMENT FROM PICTURES AND IDENTIFIED SHAW IN COURTROOM AS BERTRAND. HE SAID THE MEN DISCUSSED WAYS TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT. HE SAID DAVE FERRIE USED WORDS LIKE TRIANGULATION OF CROSS FIRE,

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DISCUSSING WAYS IN WHICH THEY COULD HAVE A SCAPEGOAT SO THAT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION SOME OF THE MEN COULD ESCAPE BUT THEY SAID ONE MAN WOULD HAVE TO BE SACRIFICED. DIDN'T SAY WHO SCAPEGOAT WOULD BE, HOWEVER, HE SAID OSWALD AND BERTRAND TOOK PART IN A DISCUSSION AND FERRIE SUGGESTED FLYING TO CUBA AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, HOWEVER, BERTRAND SUGGESTED INSTEAD THAT THEY ESTABLISH ALIBIS IN OTHER CITIES.

RUSSO DESCRIBED THE SCENE IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT SAYING THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME SORT OF PARTY IN PROGRESS. THEY WERE DRINKING AND TALKING. HE SAID THE PARTY DIED OUT AND THE ONLY ONES LEFT WERE HIMSELF, FERRIE, A MAN HE CALLED LEON OSWALD AND ONE HE IDENTIFIED AS CLAY BERTRAND.

THE PRELIMINARY HEARING RESUMED AT TWO FIFTEEN P.M. AND WDSU RADIO, NEW ORLEANS, REPORTS THAT GARRISON STATED BEFORE ENTERING THE AFTERNOON SESSION, THAT ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM RUSSO.

/ WDSU RADIO, NEW ORLEANS, AT TWO FORTY P.M. THIS DATE STATES

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THAT ITS CHANNEL SIX NEWSMAN INTERVIEWED RUSSO ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO IN BATON ROUGE AND AT THAT TIME RUSSO DENIED KNOWING LEE HARVEY OSWALD. THE NEWS REPORT POINTS OUT THIS, OF COURSE, IS A DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO HIS TESTIMONY TODAY.

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